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                    NEEDLE PLACEMENT IN SOFT TISSUE TARGET AND METHODS  
                    AND SYSTEMS RELATED THERETO

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**EXAMINING GROUP 3731**  
**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Sir:

The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 23, 2004, in the above referenced application.

A petition has also been filed herewith requesting a two (2) month extension of time to August 23, 2004, to respond to the above referenced Office Action. Applicants also conditionally petition for a further extension time to provide for the possibility that such a

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petition is required. As indicated below, please charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for the required fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 21 of this paper.